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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 5-16 and 23 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 17, 22 and 24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 and 18-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1, 17, 22 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,463,470 to Mohaban et al.

As concerns claim 1, a method of communication in a publish/subscribe environment in which publisher programs send messages to subscriber programs via one or more message brokering systems, the method comprising the following steps: responsive to receipt of a published message at a message broker, referring to characteristics of the received message and subscriber-specified quality of service requirements to determine an appropriate quality or service for onward transmission of the message (column 5, lines 48-52, message from network entity is part of the data flow); selecting a communication protocol in accordance with the determined quality of service (column 5, lines 60-66); and transmitting the message using the selected communication protocol (column 6, lines 1-2, message is executed after being processed).

As concerns claim 17, a method according to claim 1, wherein the message broker determines an appropriate quality of service by determining which subset of subscribers are

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currently connected to the message brokering system and referring to the subscriber-specified quality of service requirements for only the currently connected subset of subscribers (if a message is sent the subscriber is connected and the QOS is referred for the message).

As concerns claim 22, a message brokering system, configured to provide a publish/subscribe service for publisher and subscriber programs, comprising: means, responsive to receipt of a published message at the message brokering system, for determining an appropriate quality of service for onward transmission of the message in accordance with subscriber-specified quality of service requirements for the received message (column 5, lines 48-52, message from network entity is part of the data flow); means for selecting a communication protocol in accordance with the determined quality of service (column 5, lines 60-66); and means for transmitting the message using the selected communication protocol (column 6, lines 1-2, message is executed after being processed).

As concerns claim 24, a computer program product for providing a publish/subscribe service for publisher and subscriber programs, comprising program code recorded on a machine-readable recording medium, the program code comprising: means, responsive to receipt of a message from a publisher program, for determining an approximate quality of service for onward transmission of the message in accordance with subscriber-specified quality of service requirements for the received message (column 5, lines 48-52, message from network entity is part of the data flow); means for selecting a communication protocol in accordance with the determined quality of service (column 5, lines 60-66); and means for transmitting the message using the selected communication protocol (column 6, lines 1-2, message is executed after being processed).

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-4 and 18-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
4. Claim 5-16 and 23 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed September 14, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

The applicant argues Mohaban et al. do not disclose the subscriber-specified quality of service requirements. Mohaban et al. do disclose a subscriber-specified quality of service wherein a subscriber/user/manager creates, stores and manages quality of service parameters (column 3, lines 44-45; column 4, line 40, 65-66; column 7, lines 30-37).

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

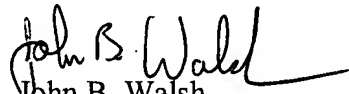
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CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John B. Walsh whose telephone number is 571-272-7063. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Wednesday from 5:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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